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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office Action (Paper No. 13) dated October 4, 2001, time for response to which expires November 4, 2001. An extension of time for three months is being filed concurrently, thereby extending the period of response to February 4, 2002.

In response to the species election in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, monoclonal antibodies as the structural species and an immunoglobulin reactive with a non-light chain amyloid as the functional species.

The claims that are readable upon methods of using immunoglobulin polypeptides comprising the combined elected characteristics are 23-36 and 39-45. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the Office Action fails to provide evidence of any significant search burden with respect to the delineated species. Applicants also expect that upon a determination

of patentability of the elected species, the Office will extend the prior art search to the remaining delineated species.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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